Homegoing Celebration

for

JAMES ALLEN MAYO

(COACH)

Saturday, July 31, 2004 – 11:00 am

CHRISTIAN TABERNACLE COGIC

7930 South Hoover Street Los Angeles, Ca. 90044

Elder Robert L. Jessie, Sr., Officiating

Obituary

James Mayo was born June 11, 1947 to Venora and Perry Mayo in Los Angeles, Ca. He was the youngest of eight children and the grandson of the late Bishop E.M. Wilson. He was educated in the Los Angeles area.

In 1975 James accepted Christ and joined Bright Star COGIC. In 1984 he rededicated his life to Christ and joined Challenge of Faith COGIC. James loved his church and worked and served faithfully in many areas. Over the years he served as janitor, usher, choir member, and picnic coordinator. He also served as head deacon, treasurer and superintendent of Sunday school until his health began to fail. James also helped in developing the plans for the remodeling of the church.

In 1976 James married Denise Jessie and to this union they were blessed with two sons. James loved his family and always enjoyed family vacations and cooking for them. He also enjoyed taking pictures and videos of church and family functions.

James began his career working with children in the Los Angeles School District. He later worked at Christian Foundation School. He was dedicate to the school and to the children he taught. After moving to Lynwood, James worked for the city in various position. He worked as a bus driver, dispatcher, code enforcement officer and project specialist (Positive Motion) . He retired in 2000 because of his health.

James volunteered countless hours as a basketball coach for the city of Lynwood Recreation Department and received many awards. James loved the game of basketball and wanted to provide the children with an avenue to have fun and to help keep them away from drugs and gangs. He later met Mrs. Brenda Williams and together they form the Lynwood Running Rebels Basketball program. James was a dedicated coach and volunteered his time to help many children in the community. Over the years they were able to take dozens of kids to many tournaments, including a yearly Palms Springs tournament. Even while he was sick he would often think of what he would like to do for the team.

James leaves to cherish his memories: a loving wife, Denise, three sons; James Mayo, Jr., Ramon Mayo, and Eric Mayo one daughter and one grandson; Tina and Taye Mayo Two sisters; June Johnson and Mary Mayo one grandmother; Dora Wilson three uncles; Emanuel Wilson, Theodore Wilson and Theodis Wilson of Albuquerque, New Mexico, A host of nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends.

Three brothers Edsal, Joseph And Donald Mayo, two sisters; Cleopatra and Hazel Mayo and parents; Venora and Perry Mayo preceded him in death.

James departed this life on July 21, 2004 calling on God, surrounded by family and friends.

Order of Service

Elder Robert L. Jessie, Jr. – Presiding

Organ Prelude

Invocation . . . . . Minister James White

Old Testament . . . . . Elder David Jessie
(Eccl. 3: 1-4)

New Testament . . . . . Elder Darryl Dancy
(2 Tim. 4: 6-8)

Selection . . . . . Sister Kim Vaughn
(When you hear of my home going)

Acknowledgement . . . . . Luke Williams

Remarks . . . . . .Family & Friends
(2 Minute Please)

Selection . . . . . GRACE
(Hold Me Now)

Remarks. *Runnin Rebels Basketball Associate* . . . . . Danrich Jones

Challenge of Faith COGIC . . . . . Deacon Lawrence Lovingood

Selection . . . . . COF Cathedral Choir & Friend

Resolution . . . . . Evangelist Karen Jessie

Remarks . . . . . Clergy
(3 Minutes Please)

Tabernacle of Grace COGIC . . . . . Pastor Willie Broom

New Haven COGIC . . . . . Supt. Robert E. Peters, Sr.

Christian Tabernacle COGIC . . . . . Supt. Lawrence MaGee

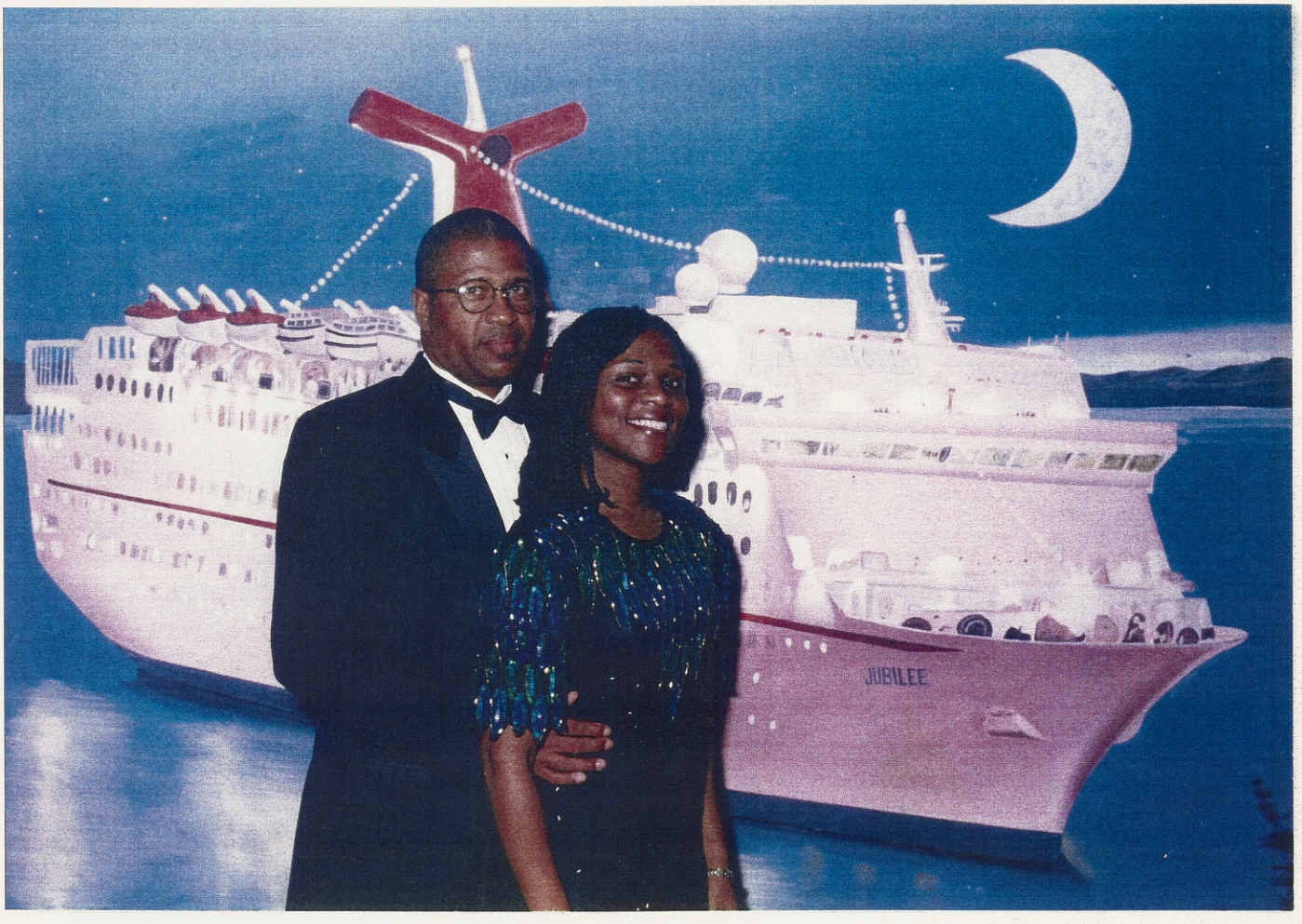
Obituary . . . . . .Mother Lillie Tanner

Selection . . . . . COF Cathedral Choir & Friend

Eulogy . . . . . Pastor Robert L. Jessie, Sr.

Parting View

Recessional



My Love

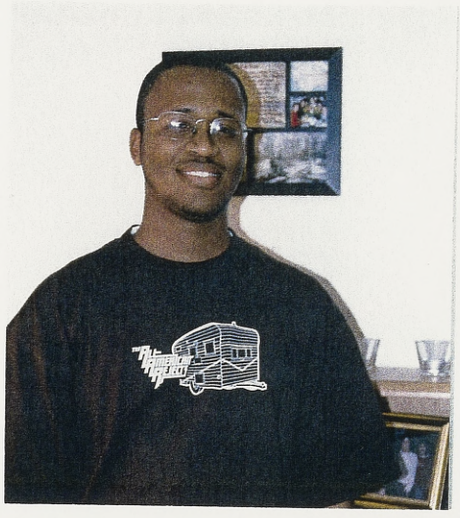
James, My love, my best friend. I want to thank you for being the man God called you to be. I want to thank you for keeping your promises: we had some real good times together. The last years were truly the best. The kids grew up so fast that it left just "me and you" or "you and me". I love you so much, and I miss you, but I know that you are in God's hands.

Your Loving Wife
Denise

Dad

I would not be who I am today without you. You never let me give up and I thank you for that. I know that for the rest of this race you are looking at me cheering me on. Thank you for the special privilege of being my coach in life.

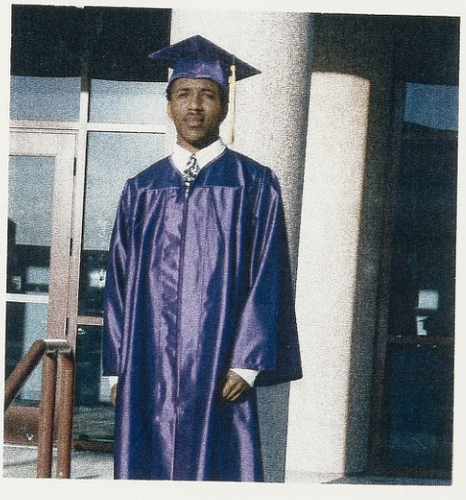
I love you always
Ramon



Pops

I love you, like I called and told you so many times when I found out you were ill. You were always so easy to talk to. You were always there for me. It's so hard to say good bye.

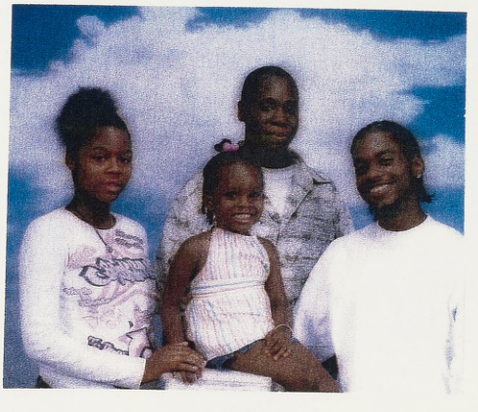
I will miss you
Eric



Dear Godfather

You will always stay in our hearts, we will never part, our love for you will never end, and we know we'll see you again.

Love you always and forever
your God kids
Larry, Devon, Jazama and Jayde



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I Love you uncle Butchie
Sylvia and family

Memories

One of my favorite uncles. I will dearly miss you. It would not be the same with out you. The times we would sneak to the store or to Mc Donald's and when Auntie Niecee told us not to eat the cookies we would sneak in the kitchen and do it anyway, but you would get caught. But those memories will never go away; they will stay in my heart.

Love always
Jasmine Jessie

To Uncle James

Words can't truly express the love that you given me. You given me a gift no one can take away. For this I thank you. I will play ball in remembrance of you and you only!

With great love
Ashley Jessie

SOUTHERN

CALIFORNIA REBELS

Youth Basketball

We Show Commitment to Education and Sports

Coach Mayo

We will never forget the opportunity and love that you shared with us. You opened your home, your heart and your wallet so that the kids of Lynwood could see the vision that God had given you. With your leadership, we won many championships, and we lost a few, but you made us feel that we had won them all. You were more that just a coach, to some of us, you were the father figure that some of the kids did not have. Thank you for allowing us to share in your life. You taught us that a heart is the happiest when it beats for others. You will always be in our hearts.

Lynwood Running Rebels and Staff.

Amazing James

How sweet the man. When I think of him, I see him running up and down the basketball courts, knowing the pain he would feel later. Nevertheless, James did it for the kids, not because he had to, but because he wanted to. He would always call me in the evenings and say "Brenda, there's a "boy," "girl" who's in need." It didn't matter what it was, tennis shoes, money, jerseys or even a parent to stand by them. When I knew it was James on the phone, I never wanted to talk because he would talk basketball from sun up to sun down, but I always listened. He always had a basketball tournament planned and he always volunteered Niece and me to sell sodas and Buffalo wings. I don't know if you know how truly, amazing James was and is because his legacy will carry on.

"THE HEART BEATS HAPPIEST WHEN IT BEATS FOR OTHERS"

You are truly ***LOVED***

Brenda

Lynwood Running Rebels

President & Friend

Deacon James Mayo
Sunday School President

Acknowledgements

Thank you, for your kind words and encouraging thoughts. Our burden was lighter because of your caring and sharing. Your presence and assistance was a source of great strength and comfort to us during this difficult time. Your acts of kindness will never be forgotten.

The Family of James Mayo

Pallbearers

Lawrence Lovingood, Sr. - Ricky Hill, Sr.
Bert Crump - Mark Mc Murray
Leroy Tanner - Kenneth Jessie, Sr.

Honarary Pallbearers

GeorgeAbram, Sr. - Kenneth Jessie, Jr.
Johnny Landrum, Sr - Terrell Floyd
Harold Essex Sr. - Derrick Upson
Robert Jessie, III - Leonard White

Internment

Forest Lawn Memorial Park
1500 E. San Antonio Drive, Long Beach, Ca 90807

Repast

Christian Tabernacle COGIC

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